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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: GOLD ET AL.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 16, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this submission.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this submission.